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BLOOMFIELD, N. J., SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1892.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

THE CONTRACTS AWARDED.

OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

The indicators to be removed from the Fire Houses—More Fire Alarm Boxes to be Added—The Water Bureau will be extended.

All bills presented to the Township Committee for payment for supplies to the poor must be itemized. Postmaster Voorhees stated at a meeting of the Committee on Monday that some of the merchants refused to itemize their bills. He was directed to send his orders to those who would itemize their bills.

The following bids were received for road, sidewalk and crosswalk work. The bids for road work are for broken stone per gross ton for repairs of roads and for constructing macadam road sixteen feet wide, four, six, eight and ten inches deep, and the price per cubic yard for excavation:

Macadam roads—Spottwood & Co., broken stone \$1.80, excavations 35c., 4-inch road 76c., 6-inch \$1.05, 8-inch \$1.35, 10-inch \$1.65; John O'Rourke, broken stone \$1.80, excavations 35c., 4-inch road 81c., 6-inch \$1.02, 8-inch \$1.29, 10-inch \$1.60; C. E. McDowell, broken stone \$1.83, excavations 32c., 4-inch road 79c., 6-inch \$1.02, 8-inch \$1.27, 10-inch \$1.58; Wright & Lindsay, broken stone \$1.75, excavations 33c., 4-inch road 75c., 6-inch 99c., 8-inch \$1.25, 10-inch \$1.50; Gustav Bruett, excavations 29c., 4-inch road 73c., 6-inch 93c., 8-inch \$1.13, 10-inch \$1.37.

Flag sidewalks—Martin Callahan 59c. per lineal foot, excavations 38c.; Union Bluestone Co., 63c. per foot; Van Shanburgh & Clark 58c. per foot, excavations 40c.; Peter Farley 56c. per foot, excavations 37c.; F. A. Lane 68c. per foot, excavations 30c.; Gustav Bruett 59c. per foot.

Crosswalks—Martin Callahan, 68c. per lineal foot; Peter Farley, 67c.; Gustav Bruett, 75c.

Petitions were received asking for crosswalks at Oakland Avenue and Austin Place on Liberty Street. Property owners on Spruce Street requested that some attention be given to that street.

Macadam roads were asked for on Hill Street, on Ridgewood Avenue to Baldwin Street, on Orchard Street, and on Belleville Avenue to the Belleville line. A crosswalk was petitioned for at Greenwood Lake railroad depot, and the Committee was asked to repair the crosswalk at Beach and Spruce Streets.

At a special meeting of the Township Committee yesterday afternoon, Wright Lindsay of Orange were awarded the contract for the construction of macadam roads in this town.

Gustav Bruett, the lowest bidder, was compelled to drop out, as he could not purchase stone.

Martin J. Callahan was awarded the contract for sidewalks and crosswalks.

Wright & Lindsay were awarded the contract for furnishing broken stone and will commence delivering it at once.

Mr. Stout of the Water Committee recommended the extension of water mains on Baldwin Street and Ridgewood Avenue, and the erection of four hydrants on the extension; also the extension of the water main on Douglas Road, and the erection of one hydrant; extension of main on Midland Avenue, and the erection of a hydrant at the junction of Maolis and Midland Avenues; also extension of water main on Harlow Street and Williamson Avenue. No recommendation was made on the applications from Baylis and Smith Streets.

Mr. Gilbert spoke against the extension of that petition and stated reasons why it should be granted. Messrs. Stout and Oakes in reply said that no partiality had been shown in the Water Committee's report, and that was recommended was in the judgment of that Committee for the best interests of the town.

Mr. Rayner for the Sewer Committee said that he had expected to have said at the meeting a communication from the Montclair Committee asking the cooperation of this town in the construction of a sewer main on Washington Avenue which would be the main sewer of Montclair, and also a local sewer for all that portion of this town that can be drained to Washington Avenue.

Engineer Olmsted was directed to report to the Committee what capacity this town will require in that sewer. The main will run through the Centre and will also take the sewage of Glenwood Avenue east of the railroad.

Superintendent of Public Works Thomas McGowan was appointed temporary inspector of sewers, he having volunteered to give attention to the work.

A discussion ensued over the approval of the election of Charles J. Oggeshall to active membership in Essex Hook and Ladder Company. Mr. Stout asked to have the matter laid over until the Committee took action in fixing the maximum limit of membership in the several companies.

Mr. Gilbert opposed Mr. Stout's

motion on the ground that Mr. Oggeshall had been elected by the company, and the Truck Company was entitled to a membership of fifty; that there had been no ordinance adopted changing previous rules.

Mr. Rayner suggested that Mr. Oggeshall's election be approved, and that the Chief Engineer notify the company that no further election will be approved until a Fire Department ordinance has been adopted.

Mr. Stout accepted Mr. Rayner's proposition, and the election was approved.

Mr. Rayner nominated William H. Linder for the position of Fire Alarm Superintendent at a salary of \$125 per annum. Mr. Rayner gave Mr. Linder a good recommendation.

Mr. Gilbert nominated the present incumbent, W. S. Cooper at a salary of \$125.

Mr. Cooper was elected, Mr. Rayner voting no.

The Fire Committee's recommendation of \$1,000 for the purchase of hose was carried, as was also the recommendation to place a gong and steam whistle at the National paper mill.

There was a great deal of discussion as to whether the Town Committee should purchase the indicators in the fire houses or extend the fire-alarm system by putting in more boxes. It was decided to do the latter, and the Gamewell Fire Alarm Company will be notified of the action of the Committee and directed to remove the indicators.

Mr. Rayner gave a detailed statement of the current expenses of the Fire Department.

Messrs. Stout and Lockwood expressed themselves as well pleased with what they saw on their tour of inspection through the fire houses.

Fifteen dollars was voted for firing a salute on Decoration Day and seventy-five dollars was voted to William S. Pierson Post's Decoration Celebration Committee. The Committee then adjourned to meet on Friday, May 27.

Why Preference Should be Given to Bloomfield's Bank.

Over forty thousand dollars' worth of the stock of the Bloomfield National Bank is taxed in this town at its par value, and with a tax-rate exceeding \$2.50 a revenue of over \$1,000 per annum is turned into the town treasury from this source. The bank is a great accommodation to the town in numerous other ways. Previous to the establishment of the Bloomfield Bank the township accounts were kept in the North Ward Bank of Newark. The fact that the North Ward Bank will discount the township note at a little lower rate than can be obtained at the Bloomfield Bank is considered by some a sufficient motive for holding the Bloomfield Bank to the same rate or else transfer the town account back to the North Ward Bank. This policy is in marked contrast with that of Montclair. The Bank of Montclair has charged a discount rate of six per cent. for discounting the town note, and no question of economy has been raised or comparisons drawn.

The discussion as to rate of discount and other matters pertaining to the leasing of a town note for \$10,000 in anticipation of taxes came up at the meeting of the Town Committee on Monday afternoon. Treasurer Stout stated that he had on hand vouchers for bills payable to the amount of \$6,434.58, and there was only \$1,500 in the treasury. It was proposed to issue the town note for discount. The custom followed in issuing such a note has been to have it signed by each individual member of the Committee. Mr. Beach did not think such a proceeding was necessary. He considered the signature of the Chairman, attested by the Clerk, was sufficient certification to the note.

Collector Marr informed the Committee that the counsel for the North Ward Bank had ruled that the township note must bear the signature of the individual members of the Committee, and the resolution ordering the issuance of the note and naming the rate of discount must accompany the note. Mr. Marr said the rate at the North Ward Bank was four per cent., but the Bloomfield Bank charged four and one-half per cent.

Mr. Beach said it was a mistaken policy to dictate to the bank what rate of discount should be charged. He had no doubt the North Ward Bank would be glad to discount the note at four per cent. and also be glad to have the township account kept there. Mr. Beach mentioned the fact that the taxing of the bank stock in this town and the large amount of personal property tax paid by the stockholders in the bank should be taken into consideration. He was opposed to the policy of beating the bank down to the lowest notch. He cited the case of Montclair, where a more liberal spirit is manifested.

A Bloomfield Carpenter Hurt in Orange. Joseph Dodd, a Bloomfield carpenter, while at work on a barn at the rear of Albert Varnell & Co.'s butcher store on Center Street, Orange, last Monday, dropped a chisel, the sharp point striking his foot cutting it severely. He was sent home in a very lame condition.

Grand Garden Fete.

The largest public entertainment ever held in this section of the country will take place on June 14 and 15, in behalf of the Mountside Hospital. The union of all the churches and various secular organizations in the four towns of Caldwell, Verona, Montclair, and Bloomfield will give some idea of the gigantic scheme. The use of Ashland Hall and grounds, in Montclair, has been given free of charge. The location of this site is admirable for its accessibility, being but a step from the railroad station, and in close proximity to lively suburbs. The Montclair Opera-house has also been kindly given free of charge for the use of the Colored Baptist Church, whose pastor will arrange for one of the "Coke Walks" so famous in the South. The grounds will be illuminated by the D. L. & W. R. Co. There will be a handsome souvenir book, containing views of the hospital, presented to those who hold tickets for the Opera-house and admission tickets to the grounds. From week to week the progress of the scheme will be noted in the different journals.

Churches and organizations already on the list to be represented are as follows:

Montclair—Grace Presbyterian Church, Trinity Presbyterian, First Baptist, Colored Baptist.

Upper Montclair—St. James Protestant Episcopal, St. Luke's Episcopal.

Bloomfield—First Presbyterian Church, Westminster Presbyterian, German Presbyterian, Christ Episcopal, First Baptist, Park Methodist, Church of the Sacred Heart, King's Daughters.

Glen Ridge—Congregational Church, Episcopal Sabbath-school, King's Daughters.

Unlicensed Saloons.

Many saloon-keepers in this town who comply with the requirements of the law in the payment of license fees will be pleased to learn that the Town Committee are about to take vigorous measures against an injustice under which they suffer. It is said there are saloon-keepers in this town who do business without license. Others have a Government license, which is limited in its terms, but the limitations are disregarded. It is alleged that others have made regular applications for licenses and their petitions have been granted by the court, but they have never paid the fee, and if allowed to continue in this way all through the year will save the \$150 license fee. That these unlicensed places are allowed to exist and carry on business is a manifest injustice to the men who pay the fee. Since the law has been changed giving all the license money to the township in which the saloon is located, it is the duty of the town's officers to see that every seller of beer or liquor pays his license fee. An inspector of licenses will be appointed at the next meeting of the Town Committee. The Legal Committee will name the man and fix the compensation, which it is believed will not be less than \$100 per year.

Death of Mrs. A. E. Taylor.

Word was received in Montclair yesterday of the death of Mrs. Adra E. Taylor. She died in the cars while traveling between Mobile and Montgomery, Alabama, on her way home from a Southern trip. Mrs. Taylor was twice married. Her first husband was the late William B. Bradbury, a well-known composer of Sunday-school songs and music, and who was a resident of this town.

Must Obtain Permits to Tear Up the Streets.

Gas and water companies, street railways, or any other corporation having occasion to use the streets of Bloomfield have done just about as they pleased. Hereafter any parties desiring to tear up the streets for any purpose will be required to get a permit from the Superintendent of Public Works. This is the substance of an ordinance to be adopted by the Town Committee.

Will See that the Streets Are Kept Clean.

William McGinley of Lake Street has filed notice with the Surrogate of his intention to contest his father's will. The father died last month, and by the terms of his will leaves the bulk of his property to the contestation, Edward, and the latter's wife. The property consists of three houses on Glenwood Avenue, East Orange. The youngest son, William, only receives \$200.

Will See that the Streets Are Kept Clean.

William Baldwin has been appointed foreman over the road work in this town. His pay is fixed at two dollars per day, and he is to devote his whole time to the work while it lasts. He is under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Works. Mr. Baldwin started in on Tuesday cleaning the streets at and about the Centre.

Try a pair of Douglas's \$4 shoes, new styled. Shoenthal's is the sole agent, 312 Glenwood Avenue. Advt.

THE PRICE OF COAL.

It Will Probably be Much Higher This Summer Than for Many Years.

A meeting of the Bloomfield Coal Dealers' Association was held last night, and the following conditions of sale and shipment of coal were resolved from the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company:

(1) Every contract for the sale and shipment of coal is to stand upon its own merits as regards prices, terms, etc.

(2) The coal is designated by the name known in the company's business, these names are used in selling or quoting prices, and parties are particularly requested to make use of the same in giving their orders.

(3) Reasonable exertions will be made by the Company to fulfill contracts for the delivery of coal; but if at any time the operations of business of the Company, at the mines, or on the railroads, or in any place where delivery is agreed to be made, shall be interrupted by floods, breaks, accidents, combinations, turn-outs, or by strikes among the miners, boatmen, or other employees, either for an increase of wages, or on account of a reduction thereof, or for any other cause—or by casualties of any kind—the obligations of the Company to deliver coal under its contracts or agreements may, at its option, be cancelled to the extent of the average daily quantity the purchasers would be entitled to receive under their contracts or agreements during the period of such interruption, and the Company shall not be made liable for damages by reason of such non-delivery or demurrage of vessels or otherwise.

All coal to be made for cash within thirty days of date of bill, or with six per cent. interest added in all cases for any deferred payment, the interest to commence from date of bill, and all deliveries of coal will be charged at the circular prices current in the month in which the delivery is made, and under no circumstances will any coal shipped in one month be charged at the circular prices of a preceding month.

WM. H. BAYNE, General Agent.

L. R. BARRETT, Agent.

This announcement created considerable alarm, as heretofore it has been the retail dealers' custom to purchase their winter supply in the summer time when the rate per ton was low. They could then have it delivered at any time for the price quoted when ordered.

The first intimation that had been received of this new order was the other day when two Bloomfield dealers went to New York city to place an order for eight thousand dollars' worth of coal to be delivered in July at the prices quoted during the present month. They could not make the purchase on that condition.

A result of this new condition of things will be that the retail dealers will be compelled to demand cash for their coal, and customers will be prevented from ordering their coal at a low price and having it delivered at a time to suit themselves.

The Bloomfield Coal Dealers' Association decided to increase the price of coal to \$5.75 per ton for Lehigh and \$5.25 for Lackawanna, but a discount of 25 cents per ton will be allowed for cash.

Local Sewerage.

While local sewerage may not be needed to any great extent in this town for several years, the Town Committee deems it expedient to acquire all the information possible on the subject. The fact that Montclair will run its main through this town, and will probably ask co-operation in its construction, makes it necessary for the Committee to be fully informed on all the points involved.

Mr. Rayner introduced a very comprehensive resolution at the Town Committee meeting on Monday, which requires the Town Counsel to furnish to the Committee a written opinion on all the main questions relating to the construction of a sewer system. Among the points mentioned in the resolution are the right of Montclair to carry sewers through this town, the method of acquiring right of way, the levying of assessments for actual and prospective benefits, the issuing of sewer bonds, and the rights of the town in the union outlet sewer.

This information, with the promised reports from Engineers Bassett and Olmsted, will probably be the means of letting the public know all that is possible to be known about the sewer until it is in actual operation.

The general opinion is that the expense is not going to be extraordinary. There is an advisory committee behind the Orange City Sewerage Committee that is composed of the best citizens of Orange. The only apparent difficult problem is the discharge. There is a possibility that it may create a nuisance, and if that is the case a large amount of money will have been spent in vain. As to the sewer mains, they will prove of value, as other connections can be made for carrying the sewage to Newark Bay.

Illness of the Rev. Mr. Paul.

On the advice of his physician, the Rev. Geo. A. Paul, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, has gone to Atlantic City for a few weeks. Mr. Paul has been suffering from nervous prostration for some time.

Shoenthal's sole agent for Freeman's shoes, manufactured in Bloomfield. Advt.

Annual Meeting of the Madrigal Society.

The meeting of the Madrigal Society at Richard Stout's residence on Wednesday night was one in which business and sociability were happily combined. The members of the Society are very much gratified with the result of their first year's work and deem the future full of promise. Public interest has been aroused and the Society expects a large addition to its active membership roll before commencing work next fall. If anticipations are realized and the membership shall become sufficiently numerous so that parts can be arranged the Society will venture into the higher realms of music, and treat the public to something grand. Members of the Society will renew their work in September. C. Wenham Smith of Newark has again been engaged as Conductor.

To vary the monotony of business on Wednesday night, the members of the Society rendered several selections; the Misses Grace and Lillian Martin sang a duet, and solos were sung by W. W. Schouler and Richard Walsh. Cake and cream were served, after which the following Executive Committee was chosen: D. G. Garabrant, C. F. Bartholomew, Dr. S. C. Hamilton, Frank H. Baker, E. M. Healey, Charles W. Martin, H. H. Biddulph, and W. W. Schouler. Officers elected were: President, Mr. D. G. Garabrant; Vice-President, Mr. C. F. Bartholomew; Secretary, Dr. S. C. Hamilton; Treasurer, Mr. Frank H. Baker; Librarian, Mr. E. M. Healey.

To Run an Excursion.

A special meeting of Essex Hook and Ladder Company was held last Tuesday night, and it was decided that the company will run an excursion to Long Island, up the Hudson, on Tuesday, August 9. The complete arrangements made by the company last year, when nearly 1,000 people accompanied them to Lake Hopatcong, will be equalled this year. Arrangements have been made with the N. Y. & G. L. R. R. Co. to run a special train from Montclair to Jersey City, and the elegant iron steamer *Tulchester* has been chartered to carry the excursionists to Iona Island. The exclusive use of the island on that day has been secured, and it is unnecessary to say that everything will be done by the members of the company for the comfort and pleasure of those who attend. The price of tickets will be one dollar.

Should Have a Badge.

Any public officer who does not carry on his person an insignia of his authority, either in the form of a uniform, badge, or club, cannot have the same terrifying effect on the lawless element in the community that the properly equipped official has. Appreciating the force of this fact, when the subject of enlarging the powers of the Health Board Inspector was under discussion last Monday, Mr. Rayner said it would greatly tend to inspire the public with a proper respect for the Inspector, if the Committee would purchase a badge of suitable size for him.

To Run by Electricity.

The directors of the Orange Cross-Town and Bloomfield Railroad have decided to equip the road with the overhead trolley system of electricity, and will take necessary steps to this end as soon as the consents of the property-owners along the line (two-thirds of the frontage) are obtained. Application for permission to change the motive power will be made to the Orange Common Council as soon as the consents are obtained. New tracks will be laid and new cars bought.

Probably a Higher Tax Rate.

Assessor Baxter began the work of levying the assessment for the current year on Friday of this week. Mr. Baxter anticipates a higher tax rate this year. Valuations were raised last year to such an extent that there is very little margin for another increase this year. The county rate will be increased on account of increased appropriations recommended by the Board of Freeholders.

Delegates to the State Convention.

Last night Democratic primaries were held in the various wards of the town, and the following were elected delegates to the State Convention to be held in Trenton next Wednesday: First Ward, John F. Dillon; Second Ward, Robert S. Budd; Third Ward, Joseph D. Gallagher.

That Alteration Sale at the Newark Bee Hive.

An entire new set of special bargains covering every department in the "Bee Hive" is offered for this week's alteration and improvement sale by L. S. Plaut & Co. These special prices are placed with the view of attracting people to watch the progress of alterations now going on. New goods only and of the most desirable character will be seen at every step, and we have not the slightest hesitancy in saying that every reader of THE CITIZEN will find a visit to prove very advantageous. Advt.

THE EVANGELICAL UNION.

THE RESULT OF THURSDAY NIGHT'S MEETING.

The Report of the Committee Adopted and the Work of Organization to Begin at Once.

Thursday night was not very favorable so far as the weather went for a very large attendance at a prayer-meeting, but the Christian people of Bloomfield are evidently not altogether of the fine-weather sort, for the schoolroom of the Baptist Church was well filled with representatives from the different congregations. It was the monthly union meeting, and the cause of the special interest was the fact that the Committee appointed at the last meeting would present their report.

The service was conducted by the Rev. C. A. Cook, who called attention to the importance of the meeting, and said Christians were the salt of the earth and the light of the world. As salt could not be of any use unless brought into contact with some substance to penetrate it, so Christians must come into personal touch with the unconverted, and by their influence win them to Christ. This was the character of the work proposed in the report of the Committee which would be presented.

After several persons had engaged in prayer, the report of the Committee was read by Mr. F. B. Stone, and was taken up and considered section by section. With only a very slight alteration in one of the sections, which practically made a full provision for carrying out the plan, the entire report as recently printed in these columns was unanimously adopted. It had evidently been carefully considered beforehand, so that there was very little discussion, and those present appeared to be most heartily in favor of the entire movement.

The Revs. H. W. Ballantine, D. D., R. B. Collins, Egbert Clement, F. Goodwin, and H. W. Selbert were present and heartily approved of the proposals presented. Rev. G. A. Paul was unfortunately absent at Atlantic City very ill, but as the main features of the plan originated with him, he is of course in favor of it.

Several times during the evening reference was made to the subject of temperance, and to the saloon question, and while the Bloomfield Evangelical Union will not in any way be constituted as a Citizens' League, the work which will be undertaken by it, will undoubtedly do much to bring about a stronger temperance sentiment, and at the same time do much to make Sunday drinking less prevalent.

The chief purpose of the Union, as expressed in the report which was adopted, very definitely points to the accomplishing of these very desirable ends. "The object of this Union shall be to reach the entire community with the Gospel, to promote the cause of temperance, and to secure the better observance of the Lord's day."

On motion it was agreed to invite the churches to take action and appoint representatives for the general committee of the Union. When this action has been taken by the churches a meeting of the Committee will be called and the Bloomfield Evangelical Union formally organized.

Decision in the Berkeley School Case.

The suit in chancery between the Trustees of School District No. 7 and Harry L. Campbell and others, defendants, on bill of interpleader, was tried on Wednesday before Vice-Chancellor Van Fleet. The Court decreed that the complainant should pay the amount in its hands, \$934.25, into court. The litigation was then carried on between Joseph W. Clifford, one of the answering defendants, to whom Campbell had given an order on the School Trustees for \$2,000 on the 29th of January, 1890; Wightman Brothers, who served a notice on the Trustees on January 30, 1890, that Campbell was indebted to them for \$762 for material furnished by them to Campbell and used in building the Berkeley School-house, and the workmen employed by Campbell on the school building, whose aggregate claims amounted to over \$500. Those notices were all served on the Trustees on the 31st day of January, 1890. The Court ordered that the complainant's costs be first deducted from the \$934.25, paid into court, and the balance be paid to the defendant, Clifford. Harry E. Richards appeared for the School Trustees, ex-Judge Tuttle for Joseph W. Clifford, C. H. Halfpenny for the Wightmans, and E. A. Rayner for the workmen.

Disappeared With Seven Dollars.

A young man named Joseph Ward, whom Dr. W. F. Harrison secured from the City Home, was sent to E. D. Ackerman's office on Thursday to collect a bill of seven dollars. A check for that amount was given him, and he has not been seen since. He will be returned to the institution when found.

Full line of Oxford Shoes at Shoenthal's. Advt.